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Nebraska Work Trends

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This makes it possible for us to supply information necessary for planning and decision-making to Nebraska employers, governmental units, labor organizations, and other individuals and agencies with a need to know about the Nebraska labor force and industrial composition.

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NEBRASKA Work Trends

February 1980

Average Annual Pay, by State, 1978

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

February 1980

	Preliminary	Revised		Revised	
	Feb 1980	Jan 1980	Feb 1979	Jan 1980	Feb 1979
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor	752,550	745,250	739,750	7,300	12,800
Employment	723,000	713,000	712,050	10,000	10,950
Unemployment	29,550	32,250	27,700	-2,700	1,850
Unemployment rate 2/	3.9	4.3	3.7	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	275,250	272,650	274,200	2,600	1,050
Employment	262,300	258,850	261,250	3,450	1,050
Unemployment	12,950	13,800	12,950	- 850	0
Unemployment rate 2/	4.7	5.1	4.7	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	111,400	108,800	108,450	2,600	2,950
Employment	107,850	104,950	105,050	2,900	2,800
Unemployment	3,550	3,850	3,400	- 300	150
Unemployment rate 2/	3.2	3.5	3.1	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.
2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.
3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 234,550 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 40,700, is excluded from the Nebraska total.
4/ Defined as Lancaster County.
NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment decreased by 2,700 from January 1980 to February 1980, dropping to a new total of 29,550. The February 1980 total was 1,850 more than in February 1979. The unemployment rate moved down from 4.3 percent in January 1980 to 3.9 percent in February 1980, and compared to 3.7 percent in February 1979.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA decreased by 850 from January 1980 to February 1980, and the totals were unchanged from February 1979. The unemployment rate decreased from 5.1 percent in January 1980 to 4.7 percent in February 1980 and also compared to 4.7 percent in February 1979.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA decreased by 300 from January 1980 to February 1980 and increased by 150 from February 1979. The unemployment rate moved down from 3.5 percent in January 1980 to 3.2 percent in February 1979 and compared to 3.1 percent in February 1979.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to increase by 12,350 from February 1980 to March 1980, reaching a new total of 764,900. The unemployment segment is projected as 29,550, while the employment segment is projected as 735,350.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Feb 1980 [3]	Jan 1980 [4]	Feb 1979 [4]	Change From Jan 1980	Change From Feb 1979	Percent Change From Feb 1979
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	617,600	616,800	606,600	800	11,000	1.8
MANUFACTURING	99,000	99,500	97,100	- 500	1,900	2.0
Durable goods	52,550	52,600	51,250	- 50	1,300	2.6
Construction material	4,800	4,800	5,150	0	- 350	- 6.4
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,100	2,150	2,450	- 50	- 350	-14.7
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,700	2,650	2,700	50	0	1.2
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,700	1,850	0	- 150	- 6.6
Metals	9,600	9,600	9,300	0	300	3.0
Primary metal industries	1,950	1,950	1,650	0	300	15.6
Fabricated metal products, except machinery transportation equipment	7,650	7,650	7,650	0	0	0.2
Machinery except electrical	14,100	14,200	12,950	- 100	1,150	8.8
Farm machinery & equipment	8,350	8,450	7,850	- 100	500	6.4
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,900	10,850	10,750	50	150	1.1
Transportation equipment	5,950	5,900	6,000	50	- 50	- 0.6
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	3,100	3,100	3,300	0	- 200	- 5.0
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,500	5,550	5,250	- 50	250	5.2
Nondurable goods	46,450	46,900	45,850	- 450	600	1.3
Food & kindred products	27,350	27,750	26,850	- 400	500	1.9
Meat products	13,850	13,850	13,650	0	200	1.4
Dairy products	1,850	1,850	1,950	0	- 100	- 4.5
Grain mill	4,300	4,500	4,350	- 200	- 50	- 0.8
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	7,350	7,550	6,900	- 200	450	6.2
Textile products & apparel	2,250	2,200	2,350	50	- 100	- 4.5
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,600	7,550	7,200	50	400	5.3
Chemicals & allied products	2,550	2,550	2,400	0	150	6.3
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,700	6,850	7,050	- 150	- 350	- 4.9
NONMANUFACTURING	518,600	517,300	509,500	1,300	9,100	1.8
MINING	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0	1.0
CONSTRUCTION	27,500	27,750	26,200	- 250	1,300	5.0
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	7,950	8,100	8,100	- 150	- 150	- 1.5
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	5,600	5,550	4,550	50	1,050	22.6
Construction - special trade contractors	13,950	14,100	13,550	- 150	400	3.2
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	45,450	45,550	44,400	- 100	1,050	2.4
Railroad transportation	14,350	14,450	14,150	- 100	200	1.5
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,500	14,500	14,400	0	100	0.7
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,600	16,600	15,850	0	750	4.7

TRADE	162,000	163,100	157,600	-1,100	4,400	2.8
Wholesale	47,400	47,400	46,350	0	1,050	2.3
Durable	24,700	24,600	24,050	100	650	2.8
Nondurable	22,700	22,800	22,300	- 100	400	1.8
Retail	114,600	115,700	111,250	-1,100	3,350	3.0
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,550	5,650	5,650	- 100	- 100	- 1.2
General merchandise stores	15,300	16,200	15,400	- 900	- 100	- 0.6
Food stores	15,550	15,700	15,250	- 150	300	2.1
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,550	16,600	16,500	- 50	50	0.3
Apparel & accessory stores	6,200	6,350	6,400	- 150	- 200	- 3.0
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,200	4,350	4,150	- 150	50	0.4
Eating & drinking places	39,500	39,000	36,150	500	3,350	9.3
Miscellaneous retail	11,750	11,850	11,750	- 100	0	0.2
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,650	3,700	3,500	- 50	150	4.7
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,100	8,150	8,250	- 50	- 150	- 1.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	41,500	41,500	40,250	0	1,250	3.1
Banking	10,500	10,450	10,250	50	250	2.1
Insurance	20,100	20,050	19,600	50	500	2.5
Real estate	4,650	4,700	4,400	- 50	250	6.8
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,250	6,300	6,000	- 50	250	3.8
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	114,750	114,450	110,250	300	4,500	4.1
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	6,750	7,050	6,500	- 300	250	3.8
Personal services	6,200	6,200	6,300	0	- 100	- 2.1
Business services	17,600	17,900	16,200	- 300	1,400	8.4
Automotive repair, services, & garages	4,100	4,050	3,950	50	150	3.5
Amusement & recreation	5,950	5,700	5,150	250	800	15.2
Health services	40,500	40,400	38,650	100	1,850	4.9
Educational services	8,150	7,850	8,400	300	- 250	- 3.1
Social services	6,000	5,900	5,750	100	250	4.7
Membership organizations	8,500	8,450	8,750	50	- 250	- 3.2
Other services (including legal & professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,000	10,950	10,600	50	400	3.7
GOVERNMENT	125,950	123,500	129,350	2,450	-3,400	- 2.6
Federal	15,950	15,900	16,200	50	- 250	- 1.3
State	32,800	30,850	32,550	1,950	250	0.7
Local	77,200	76,800	80,600	400	-3,400	- 4.4

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.
2/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
3/ Preliminary estimate.
4/ Revised.

Note: These estimates are based on March 1979 benchmark. All months comparable.

FEBRUARY 1980 IN REVIEW . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 800 from January 1980 to February 1980. Manufacturing dropped by 500 during this period, but that was more than counterbalanced by a gain of 1,300 in nonmanufacturing.

The decrease of 500 in manufacturing was primarily in nondurable goods (-450), led by a decline in food and kindred products (-400).

Month-to-month increases occurred in services and government. Services increased by 300, led by gains in amusement (250), and educational services (300).

From January 1980 to February 1980, there were decreases in construction/mining (-250), transportation-communication-utilities (-100), and trade (-1,100). The loss in trade occurred entirely in retail trade, and was primarily in general merchandise stores (-900).

There was no change in employment levels for finance-insurance-real estate.

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 11,000 from February 1979 to February 1980. This included a gain of 1,900 for manufacturing of 9,100 for nonmanufacturing.

The gain of 1,900 for manufacturing included a rise of 1,300 for durable goods and an increase of 600 for nondurable goods. The primary increase in durable goods occurred in machinery except electrical (1,150). The major increase in nondurable goods was in food and kindred products (500).

Year-to-year, all industries except government showed gains, including construction/mining (1,300), transportation-communication-utilities (1,050), trade (4,400), finance-insurance-real estate (1,250), and services (4,500). The increase of 4,400 in trade included a rise of 1,050 for wholesale trade, and an increase of 3,350 in retail trade - led by a gain of 3,350 in eating and drinking places. Nearly three-fourths of the 4,500 increase in services occurred in two fields: business services (1,400), and health services (1,850).

Government declined by 3,400 from February 1979 to February 1980, led by a drop of 3,400 in local government.

OUTLOOK . . . . . .

Employment activity in April 1980 is projected to show increases in most industries. Substantial increases are anticipated in construction/mining and agriculture, reflecting customary seasonal changes. Service employment is expected to rise, particularly in outdoor-related activities. Small gains are expected in manufacturing, transportation-communication-utilities, and trade. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged in finance-insurance-real estate and in government.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

February 1980

		Applicants Available 2/ FY to date	Active File	Nonag Job Openings Received 2/ FY to date	Unfilled Total	Unfilled 30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
TOTAL 3/		67,708	27,311	26,385	4,967	3,557	2.57	5.50	71.6
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	7,683	5,859	2,308	1,481	1,192	3.33	3.96	80.5
2	Clerical and sales	17,494	6,419	6,279	1,844	1,396	2.79	3.48	75.7
	Entry codes 4/	3,757	1,307	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
	20-24 Clerical	10,500	3,821	4,920	1,579	1,228	2.13	2.42	77.8
	25-29 Sales	3,237	1,291	1,359	265	168	2.38	4.87	63.4
3	Service	10,443	4,208	4,529	568	300	2.31	7.41	52.8
	Entry codes 4/	1,769	626	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
	30 Domestic	675	256	714	37	34	0.95	6.92	91.9
	31-39 Other	7,999	3,326	3,815	531	266	2.10	6.26	50.1
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	1,880	529	657	28	18	2.86	18.89	64.3
5	Processing	1,805	620	1,670	77	21	1.08	8.05	27.3
6	Machine trades	3,041	1,245	947	145	81	3.21	8.59	55.9
7	Bench work	3,199	1,373	926	137	95	3.45	10.02	69.3
8	Structural work	7,854	3,560	2,972	215	112	2.64	16.56	52.1
9	Miscellaneous	10,209	4,498	6,049	239	109	1.69	2.08	45.6
	Entry codes	2,205	903	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
	90-91 Motor freight transportation	3,507	1,626	2,341	101	50	1.50	16.10	49.5
	92 Packaging, materials handling	4,202	1,847	3,459	87	23	1.21	21.23	26.4
	93-97 Other 5/	295	122	249	51	36	1.18	2.39	70.6

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: 10-1-79 through 02-29-80. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-79 through 9-30-80
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]

By Occupation

February 1980

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	4,824	4,314	$8,746/yr	$8,802/yr	2,461	2,518	1,300	1,145
Professional, technical, and managerial	881	804	11,736/yr	11,694/yr	683	654	420	395
Clerical and sales	1,398	1,361	7,657/yr	7,504/yr	759	854	428	337
Service	696	652	3.48/hr	3.38/hr	312	341	149	152
Farming, fishery, forestry, and related	111	86	3.86/hr	3.82/hr	56	47	29	14
Processing	421	249	4.29/hr	5.02/hr	72	43	19	19
Machine trades	254	212	4.69/hr	4.82/hr	125	122	56	44
Bench work	211	194	3.67/hr	3.57/hr	108	118	69	48
Structural work	437	385	4.41/hr	4.40/hr	193	176	77	78
Miscellaneous	415	371	3.95/hr	4.32/hr	153	163	53	58

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

February 1980

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb 1980 2/	Jan 1980 3/	Feb 1979 3/	Feb 1980 2/	Jan 1980 3/	Feb 1979 3/	Feb 1980 2/	Jan 1980 3/	Feb 1979 3/
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$285.65	$289.80	$259.97	41.1	41.4	41.2	$6.95	$7.00	$6.31
Durable goods	285.79	286.35	260.62	41.6	41.5	41.9	6.87	6.90	6.22
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	233.78	229.63	207.97	38.2	38.4	38.3	6.12	5.98	5.43
Primary and fabricated metals	285.02	287.65	247.25	40.2	40.4	40.8	7.09	7.12	6.06
Machinery and transportation equipment	310.46	310.86	289.63	43.0	42.7	43.1	7.22	7.28	6.72
Nondurable goods	285.53	295.18	258.32	40.5	41.4	40.3	7.05	7.13	6.41
Food and kindred products	310.49	321.30	275.89	40.8	42.0	40.1	7.61	7.65	6.88
Meat products	344.45	349.44	296.34	41.4	42.0	40.1	8.32	8.32	7.39
Dairy products	194.66	197.81	192.73	35.2	35.9	38.7	5.53	5.51	4.98
Grain mill products	360.70	395.84	327.60	45.2	46.9	46.8	7.98	8.44	7.00
Bakery products	230.52	231.54	218.13	33.9	34.0	33.1	6.80	6.81	6.59
Other food and kindred products	215.25	228.37	201.24	38.3	41.0	36.0	5.62	5.57	5.59
Printing and publishing	248.20	264.80	236.41	38.6	39.7	39.8	6.43	6.67	5.94
Chemicals and allied products	300.83	300.83	255.65	44.9	44.9	41.3	6.70	6.70	6.19

1/ Source of data: BLS (Bureau of Labor Statistics) Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings decreased by $4.15 from January 1980 to February 1980, and increased year-to-year by $25.68. Durable goods dropped $0.56 month-to-month, and increased by $25.17 from a year ago. Nondurable goods were down from January 1980 to February 1980: $9.65, but were above the year ago level by $27.21.

Average weekly hours were down 0.3 hours in February 1980 from what they had been in January 1980 (41.4), and were slightly lower than in February 1979 (41.2).

Average hourly earnings decreased by $0.05 from January 1980 to February 1980, and increased by $0.64 from February 1979.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 workers)

January 1980

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Jan 2/ 1980	Dec 3/ 1979	Jan 3/ 1979	Jan 2/ 1980	Dec 3/ 1979	Jan 3/ 1979	Jan 2/ 1980	Dec 3/ 1979	Jan 3/ 1979	Jan 2/ 1980	Dec 3/ 1979	Jan 3/ 1979	Jan 2/ 1980	Dec 3/ 1979	Jan 3/ 1979
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	33	21	45	28	18	38	33	28	38	20	17	24	7	6	6
Durable goods	30	18	44	25	15	38	31	25	35	18	13	22	7	6	6
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	46	31	56	22	13	26	70	69	88	34	25	35	31	40	48
Furniture and fixtures	23	11	39	22	11	39	14	17	31	11	14	23	1	1	0
Primary and fabricated metals	22	11	29	18	9	26	27	22	30	11	11	16	11	5	6
Machinery and transportation equipment	29	16	44	26	14	42	26	17	27	16	10	19	3	2	1
Other durable goods	44	37	59	39	35	54	36	32	41	29	22	32	0	3	1
Nondurable goods	36	25	46	31	22	38	34	31	42	21	22	26	7	5	6
Food and kindred products	38	24	41	32	22	34	34	34	42	23	25	23	6	4	9
Meat products	45	25	36	42	24	43	42	39	47	29	32	24	6	2	13
Dairy products	29	33	41	21	25	38	14	25	27	3	19	21	11	0	0
Grain mill products	15	19	21	13	18	20	17	14	22	10	9	14	3	3	1
Bakery products	36	32	23	29	29	16	43	32	46	29	29	28	1	0	13
Other food and kindred products	42	20	55	22	16	30	35	42	57	25	19	27	9	17	9
Textiles and apparel	36	32	77	33	29	52	82	46	38	41	24	34	33	21	1
Paper and allied products	23	17	42	22	15	40	13	10	26	10	10	20	1	0	3
Printing and publishing	47	32	35	44	28	32	27	28	45	18	23	29	4	0	1
Chemicals and allied products	15	16	53	13	16	23	20	13	27	7	9	19	6	1	0
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	27	22	71	18	16	65	39	31	49	18	13	37	11	13	1

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing increased from 21 per 1,000 workers in December 1979 to 33 per 1,000 in January 1980, with durable goods increasing from 18 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000, and nondurable goods also gaining from 25 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions dropped from 45 per 1,000 to 33 per 1,000. This included a decline in durable goods from 44 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000, and also a drop in nondurable goods from 46 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000. Separations gained month-to-month: 28 per 1,000 to 33 per 1,000, but dropped year-to-year: 38 per 1,000 to 33 per 1,000.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

February 1980

	Feb 1980	Jan 1980	Feb 1979
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	$6,188	$10,242	$5,127
Weeks claimed	53,890	58,975	51,965
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$4,678,598	$4,738,133	$3,683,909
Calendar year to date	$9,416,731	$4,738,133	$7,600,678
Average size of weekly payments	$94.06	$92.94	$81.38
First payments	4,325	6,624	3,646
Exhaustions	973	939	787
Individuals who drew benefits	16,629	16,080	14,937
Rate of insured unemployment	2.3	2.1	2.5
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$65,108	$76,426	$73,807
Average size of weekly payments	$77.05	$79.44	$72.57
First payments	51	46	50
Exhaustions	27	27	35
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$36,430	$42,221	$20,559
Average size of weekly payments	$82.80	$86.87	$75.58
First payments	31	41	29
Exhaustions	4	2	1
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	37,638	37,623	37,257
Contributions received	$4,209,687	$2,471,023	$3,816,673
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$79,055,885	$79,210,226	$63,929,667

UI initial claims in area claims centers decreased from 10,242 in January to 6,188 in February 1980. Weeks claimed declined from 58,975 in January to 53,891 in February 1980.

UI benefit payments stayed the same at 4.7 million in both January and February 1980.

The number of insured unemployed increased from 12,262 in January to 13,540 in February 1980. The rate of insured unemployment increased from 2.1 percent in January to 2.2 percent in February 1980. The year-to-date contributions stood at 6.7 million compared to 5.2 million one year ago. The fund balance stood at 79.1 million compared to 63.9 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1/]

February 1980

	Amount	Percent of total
SEX:		
Male	10,059	77.2
Female	2,973	22.8
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	11,996	92.1
All other races	1,036	7.9
AGE:		
Under 22	1,891	14.5
22 - 44	7,887	60.5
45 and over	3,254	25.0
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	4,916	37.7
5 - 14	7,116	54.6
15 and over	1,000	7.7

	Amount	Percent of total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	1,485	11.4
Clerical and sales	1,390	10.7
Service	669	5.1
Farm and related	297	2.3
Processing	426	3.3
Machine trades	482	3.7
Bench work	536	4.1
Structural work	5,369	41.2
Miscellaneous	2,378	18.2
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and mining	5,080	39.1
Manufacturing	2,767	21.2
Durable goods	1,394	10.7
Nondurable goods	1,373	10.5
Transportation, communication and utilities	527	4.0
Trade	1,726	13.2
Finance, insurance and real estate	229	1.8
Services	1,148	8.8
Government	392	3.0
INA	1,163	8.9

1/ Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for February1980 was 13,032.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U.S. CITY AVERAGE
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, FEBRUARY 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	236.4	1.4	14.1	236.5	1.4	14.2
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	238.6	0.5	7.3	239.0	0.5	7.4
Food	244.9	0.5	7.3	245.2	0.5	7.3
Food at home	241.3	0.3	5.8	241.1	0.4	5.8
Cereals & bakery products	236.8	1.1	11.6	237.4	1.2	11.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	236.2	-0.8	1.7	236.4	-0.5	1.8
Dairy products	219.5	0.5	9.4	219.8	0.4	9.3
Fruits and vegetables	228.3	-0.7	0.8	225.9	-0.6	0.2
Other foods at home	288.0	1.6	10.0	287.3	1.7	9.9
Food away from home	258.3	0.9	10.7	260.1	0.8	11.0
Alcoholic beverages	180.4	0.6	7.6	181.1	0.8	8.0
HOUSING	250.5	1.3	16.2	250.5	1.3	16.3
Shelter	267.2	1.2	18.3	268.3	1.2	18.6
Rent (residential)	185.6	0.8	8.5	185.5	0.9	8.5
Other rental costs	255.7	1.8	13.7	255.6	1.8	13.8
Homeownership	296.3	1.3	20.6	298.4	1.3	21.2
Fuel and other utilities	263.8	2.0	18.1	264.4	2.0	18.3
Fuels	327.1	2.9	26.1	327.0	2.8	26.1
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	539.1	4.9	65.3	540.3	4.9	65.5
Gas (piped) & electricity	278.8	2.1	15.6	278.5	2.0	15.6
Household furnishings & operation	199.0	1.1	7.0	196.8	1.0	6.5
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	171.9	0.5	6.5	171.5	1.0	6.1
Men's & boys' apparel	162.7	-0.1	3.8	162.9	0.3	3.4
Women's & girls' apparel	151.1	-0.3	2.3	151.3	0.9	2.4
Footwear	184.6	0.5	9.3	183.9	0.3	9.6
TRANSPORTATION	239.6	2.6	22.5	240.2	2.6	22.5
Private transportation	239.8	2.7	22.7	240.4	2.7	22.7
Public transportation	229.5	1.2	20.3	223.9	0.9	17.0
MEDICAL CARE	257.9	1.6	10.9	258.7	1.5	11.5
Medical care services	279.0	1.7	11.4	279.8	1.5	12.1
ENTERTAINMENT	197.8	1.3	8.0	196.2	1.2	7.6
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	208.1	0.9	8.4	207.7	0.8	8.2
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	274.9			275.1		